GRANT TO COLLEGES STARTED AFTER 1967

579. Sri N. Lokayya Naik (Virajpet):—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the policy of the Government for giving grants to the private colleges started after 1967;

(*b*) the number of private colleges started in the State after 1967 and the number of colleges that are getting grants by the Government?

Sri K.V. Shankara Gowda (Minister for Education):—

(*a*) Government have decided to provide facilities to the private colleges started after May 1967 as per the Grant-in-aid code.

(*b*) the number of private colleges started after May 1967 is 44.

Grant-in-aid to 30 colleges which were started in 1967-68 and 1968-69 was given towards fee concession.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION IN CINEMA THEATRES AT BELLARY TOWN

580. Sri Allum Karibasappa (Kurugod):—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any representations have been made either to the Government or to the District Magistrate, Bellary, in-connection with the seating capacity of the following theatres in Bellary Town:

1 Royal theatre
2 Mubarak theatre
3 Prabhat theatre
4 Select theatre
5 Nataraj theatre and
6 Uma theatre

(Nos. 5 and 6 are latest Air-cooled theatres);

(*b*) whether the District Magistrate, Bellary has issued or renewed the cinema licences of the above theatres particularly regarding the capacity *i.e.*, the number of seats in each class (*i.e.*, plinth area);

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the theatre owners or the management of Royal, Prabhat, Mubarak and Select have taken licence for seating capacity for more number of seats than is permissible under the said Rules;

(*d*) whether enforcement of Cinematograph Rules by the District Magistrate would reduce the seating capacity to the extent of 40 per cent in the above theatres;

(*e*) if so, the reason for not implementing the rule of seating accommodation and capacities by the District Magistrate, Bellary, in accordance with the Cinematograph Rules even after making the represetations 4 months back?

Sri MANIK RAO PATIL (Deputy Minister for Home):—

(*a*) Yes. A representation regarding seating capacity of permanent cinema theatres has been made to the District Magistrate, Bellary and to Government.

(*b*) Temporary licences are issued to these theatres valid only for 2 months *viz.*, upto end of February 1970, pending inspection and issue of permanent licences.

(*c*) In the case of two theatres only *viz.*, Prabhat and Mubarak talkies, licences have been issued for more seating capacity than is permissible under Madras Cinematograph Act, 1918 and 1933 Rules, prior to the merger of Bellary in Mysore in October 1953.

(*d*) No. The actual number of seats licenced exceeds the capacity as per Madras Rules, 1933 which were in operation when the theatres were first started by 5 per cent in case of Mubarak and 14 per cent in case of Prabhat.

(*e*) When once the licence has been issued by the licensing authority for a specific number of seats, the question as to whether it would be in order to reduce it thereafter in view of the incorrect application of the Rules earlier, is being examined.

ASSAULT OF A PERSON IN DABASPET POLICE STATION

590. Sri GANGA BOVI (Gulur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that a person was assaulted in Dabaspet Police Station, Sompur Hobli Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore District about 3 months ago;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that two Sub-Inspectors and a Circle Inspector have jointly, for the sake of money, threatened, assaulted the respectable and poor ryots in the police station and received money from them;

(*c*) if so, the action taken by them in this behalf?